What is claimed is:

- An infrared detecting device comprising a heat-separation-structure diaphragm
 made of a thermal insulating material through a cavity from a silicon substrate 1, an
 infrared detection section formed on said diaphragm, and a heat absorption area on
 said infrared detection section through an insulation layer, wherein an etching aperture
 for forming the cavity is formed in said heat absorption area.
- 2. An infrared detecting device according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of etching apertures are formed in said heat absorption area.
- An infrared detecting device according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of etching apertures are formed in said heat absorption area at equal intervals.
- An infrared detecting device according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of etching apertures are also formed on the diaphragm other than said heat absorption area.
- An infrared detecting device according to claim 1, wherein said cavity is mainly formed through anisotropic etching.
- An infrared detecting device according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein said infrared detecting device is a thermopile type.